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The Honorable Michael D. Barnes
Chairman
Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 1985 inviting me to appear before the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs on 17 April to discuss United States policy toward Nicaragua.

My staff informs me that the Subcommittee was briefed on 4 March of this year by my National Intelligence Officer for Latin America and the Director of African and Latin American Analysis in the Directorate of Intelligence. I understand that their briefing addressed the degree of Nicaraguan government support to anti-government forces in El Salvador and other Central American countries as well as the military significance of such support. I would be happy to make them available to answer your further questions at any mutually agreeable time. I am sure you understand that much of the information on these topics is highly classified and would have to be provided in a closed session.

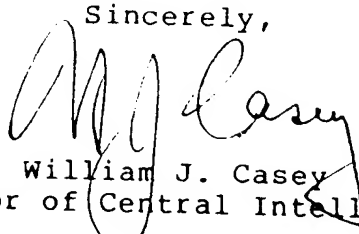
With regard to your other questions concerning the goals of U.S. policy in Central America and the need for U.S. assistance, I must respectfully refer you to the Department of State which has the principal responsibility within the U.S. Government for formulating such policies.

If you wish to receive an updated intelligence briefing on Nicaragua, please ask your staff to contact [redacted] in my Office of Legislative Liaison on [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence



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April 8, 1985

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing to invite you to testify at a hearing of the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs on the subject of United States policy toward military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. in room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the Administration's request for continuing support for military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua. In particular, your testimony should address: (1) whether the Government of Nicaragua is providing materiel or monetary support to anti-government operations in El Salvador or other Central American countries; (2) the military significance of such support; (3) why United States assistance for military or paramilitary operations is necessary; (4) a justification of the amount and type of such assistance and a description of its objectives; and (5) an explanation of the goals of United States policy for the Central American region and how the proposed assistance would further such goals, including the achievement of peace and security in Central America through a comprehensive, verifiable and enforceable agreement based upon the Contadora Document of Objectives.

An instruction sheet for witnesses is attached. Please note that your oral statement should be limited to 10 minutes, and that the Committee rules require that 50, and preferably 75, copies of your prepared statement be provided to the Subcommittee 48 hours in advance of the hearing. If your staff has any questions, or needs to coordinate details, please contact Mr. Robert Kurz, Staff Consultant of the Subcommittee, on (202) 226-7812.

The Subcommittee looks forward to receiving your testimony.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Barnes
Chairman
Subcommittee on Western
Hemisphere Affairs



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1. Your written statement should be as long as necessary and will appear in full in the record of the hearing. Additional material may be submitted with your statement but will normally be retained in the Subcommittee's files and not printed in the record due to the high printing costs.
2. The order of witnesses is at the discretion of the Chairman. Witnesses should be present at the hour announced for the beginning of the hearing and remain available for the duration of the hearing unless other arrangements are made with the staff in advance of the hearing.
3. Your oral presentation should be limited to about 10 minutes. If your written statement is longer, please be prepared to summarize it to stay within the allotted time.
4. The rules of the Committee require that 50, and preferably 75, copies of your prepared statement be provided to the Subcommittee 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Duplication of statements is the responsibility of the witness. Written testimony should display the following heading:

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(name of organization represented, if any)
before the
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